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## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

April 28, 2004

Applicant : Hiroaki KITAMOTO

For : CAPPING METHOD AND APPARATUS

Serial No. : 09/777 378 Group: 3721

Confirmation No.: 8381

Filed : February 6, 2001 Examiner: Nash

Atty. Docket No.: Kanzaki Case 161

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision mailed January 29, 2004 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 11-15 and 17-22.

(Please see following page.)

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Terryence F. Chapman

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[X] Appeal fee:

[X] \$330.00 (large entity).

[ ] \$165.00 (small entity).

Statement(s) re small entity status:

[ ] Attached.

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